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FOR THE YEAR 1953.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my annual report for the year 1953.

The health of the district population in so far as it is reflected in the vital statistics would appear to have been satisfactory throughout the year. The birth and death rates compare favourably with the rates for Anglesey and England & Wales; there was no maternal mortality, and only one death occurred among infants under one year of age.

From the table of notified infectious diseases you will note that there was complete freedom from Dysentery and other like alimentary infectious, but the incidence of measles was unusually high, the majority of cases having occurred among young school children. However, as far as is known, no serious complications occurred as a result of this disease.

Regarding the sanitary circumstances of the district, as reported by the sanitary inspector, I would state firstly that the existing sewerage scheme is grossly inadequate to meet the present day requirements, and the foul effluent, which as a consequence, enters the River Cefni, besides being in contravention of the Rivers Pollution Act, is prejudicial to health and a nuisance of some magnitude. It is of the utmost importance, therefore, that the new sewerage disposal scheme be put into operation without delay.

My second observation relates to the lack of hygiene in certain premises concerned with the handling and sale of food. Among the main reasons for the lack of hygiene in the cases reported as being unsatisfactory are the age and delapidation of the premises; poor state of decoration; inadequate lighting, ventilation and toilet facilities. These unsatisfactory premises inevitably discourage the attainment of a satisfactory standard of personal cleanliness on the part of those handling food therein.

This problem however, is far from being a local one, and no doubt you are aware that amending legislation is being considered by the government in order that local authorities may be given greater powers to act.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you Mr. Chairman and Members of the council for your help and encouragement and also my fellow officials for their loyal support and co-operation.

Your obedient servant,

H. Mervyn Thomas.

## GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of District in acres.	...	...	2510
Population (Registrar General's estimate, mid, 1953)			2301
Number of inhabited houses	...	...	762
Number of Council houses	...	...	330
Rateable Value	...	...	£16,462
Sum produced by a penny rate	...	...	£65

## VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	14	19	33
Illegitimate	1	2	3
	<u>15</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>36</u>

The Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population was 15.6. Birth Rates for previous years were: 1949, 23.0; 1950, 22.2; 1951, 17.1; 1952, 20.5.

The Adjusted Birth Rate for Llangefni for 1953 was 16.38. The Adjusted Birth Rate for Anglesey was 17.7.

The Birth Rate for England & Wales was 15.5.

### Stillbirths.

There were two legitimate stillbirths.

### Deaths.

<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>24</u>

The Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population was 10.4. The Death Rates for previous years were: 1949, 11.5; 1950, 13.0; 1951, 15.3; 1952, 13.3.

The Adjusted Death Rate for Llangefni for 1953 was 9.5. The Adjusted Death Rate for Anglesey was 12.3. The Death Rate for England & Wales was 11.4.

### Maternal Deaths

Nil.

### Infant Mortality.

There was one infant death under the age of 4 weeks.



TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES).

Causes of Death	M	F
1. Malignant neoplasm, stomach. ....	0	1
2. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ....	1	0
3. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms..	1	1
4. Vascular lesions of nervous system ....	1	1
5. Coronary disease, angina ....	1	1
6. Hypertension with heart disease ....	0	1
7. Other heart disease ....	2	5
8. Other circulatory disease.. ....	1	0
9. Pneumonia ....	0	1
10. Bronchitis ....	3	0
11. Other defined and ill-defined diseases..	1	2
ALL CAUSES	11	13

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (Excluding Tuberculosis).

Table showing cases notified during the year, classified in age groups.

Disease	Under 1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 & over
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
Polioomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Measles	1	12	32	67	5	1	2

Tuberculosis

Cases notified during 1953.

Age	Sex	Respiratory or Non-respiratory
21	F	Respiratory
12	F	"

Cases notified during previous years (excluding transfers):-

1950	...	5
1951	...	2
1952	...	5

National Assistance Act, 1948.

No action was taken under this act during the year, 1953.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

### Summary of visits and work carried out during the year.

Dwelling houses inspected for nuisance,			
a)	Number of houses visited	...	122
b)	Number of inspections	...	158
Number of drains tested with colour, water or smoke.			13
Visits to work in progress			16
Interviews with owners or representatives			8
Dwelling houses where nuisances abated			6
Visits in connection with overcrowding			4
Visits in connection with infectious diseases			2
Visits for disinfection of premises			Nil
Visits to premises re vermin			Nil
Visits to bakehouses, restaurants, cafés, canteens and hotel kitchens			28
Visits to ice-cream premises			19
Visits to fish-friers premises			5
Visits to other food-preparing premises			24
Visits re Shops Acts			Nil
Visits to workplaces			Nil
Visits re rats, mice and other infestation			Nil
Notices served,			
a)	informal	...	3
b)	Statutory	...	Nil
Number of cases in which legal proceedings taken			Nil

### Infectious Diseases

Number of visits	...	...	4
Number of cases in which disinfection was carried out			2

## FOOD HYGIENE

### Number of food premises by type of business (excluding registered premises.

Butchers	...	3
Grocers	...	12
Confectioners	...	6
Bakeries	...	4
Catering establishments (including cafés, restaurants, hotels)		8
Number of visits to food premises	...	68
Number of food premises unsatisfactory from point of view of hygiene	...	3

### Preserved Food - Manufacture and Preparation.

Number of premises registered under Section 14 of Food & Drugs Act, 1938.		3
Number of new applications.	...	Nil
Number of visits	...	11

### Ice Cream.

Number of registered premises	...	5
Number of new applications	...	Nil
Number of inspections	...	9
Number of contraventions (if any) of the Heat treatment regulations 1947 to 1952.		Nil

Fish-Friers Premises.

Number of premises registered	...	3
Number of new applications.	...	1
Number of visits	...	8

Milk.

Number of <u>Dairies and Distributors</u> registered under <u>Part III</u> of <u>Milk &amp; Dairies Regulations, 1949.</u>	...	2
Number of new applications	...	Nil
Number of visits to registered premises	...	6

Slaughterhouses

Number in District.	...	1
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Carcasses inspected and condemned.

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep & Pigs Lambs	
Number killed	526	23	3166	536
Number inspected	526	23	3166	536
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	29	17	182	10
Carcasses of which some part was condemned.	196	2	613	28
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned.	6	-	-	2
Carcasses of which some part was condemned.	17	-	-	31
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	4%	-	-	6%

Approx. Weights condemned.

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qtrs.
Cattle	8	5	-
Calves		4	2
Sheep & Lambs	4	10	-
Pigs	1	4	-
Total	14	3	2



### UNSOUND FOOD

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption (outside slaughterhouses).

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts</u>	<u>Qtrs</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Butchers meat (including offal)		4	1	21
Other food (including tinned offal)		1	1	17

### RODENT CONTROL

Number of residential properties treated	...	66
Number of commercial properties treated	...	15
Total number of properties treated by operation	...	81
Total number of visits to properties	...	196
Estimated number of rats killed	...	210
Number of bodies found	...	58

### WATER SUPPLY.

Number of dwelling houses supplied by public water mains:-

a) Direct to houses	...	710
b) By means of standpipes	...	4

Number of dwelling houses dependent on wells for their water. 48

Number of wells found to be contaminated by faecal matter 1

### DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

#### a. Existing schemes and works.

Existing disposal works are wholly inadequate and a new scheme has been submitted to the Ministry.

#### b. New extensions carried out during the year.

- (i) To 28 Houses at Ucheldre.
- (ii) To 12 Bungalows at Capel Newydd.
- (iii) To 20 Houses at Corn Hir new sewer completed.

#### c. Projected schemes or improvements.

Pencraig sewers now under construction to provide for 28 houses and 6 flats.

#### d. Extent to which District is provided with mains drainage.

92% of the properties in the area provided with mains drainage.

### COLLECTION AND REFUSE DISPOSAL.

Collection - by Council's own refuse lorry.

Disposal - by partly controlled tipping at Gawenfangor. New tipping sites will be required in the very near future.

### OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number registered.	...	...	Nil.
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## HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling houses during the year.
  - (1) a. Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). 122
  - b. Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 158
  - (2) a. Number of dwelling houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925. ... Nil
  - b. Number of inspections made for the purpose ... Nil
  - (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. ... 2
  - (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. ... 8
2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices. ... 4
- Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. ... 2
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.
  - (a) Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936. ... 1
    - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs... 1
    - (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:
      - (a) By owners. ... Nil
      - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners.. Nil
  - (b) Proceeding under the Public Health Acts.
    - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. ... 2
    - (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices,
      - (a) By owners ... 2
      - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners... Nil
  - (c) Proceedings under Section 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.
    - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made... 1
    - (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished ... Nil
    - (3) Number of houses awaiting demolition. ... Nil
    - (4) Number of houses in which undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation. ... Nil

3. (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.
- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. ... Nil
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit... Nil
4. Housing Act, 1945 - Part III. Section 26.
- Number of houses in respect of which Clearance Orders were made. ... Nil
- Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.
- (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year. ... Nil
- (ii) Number of families dwelling therein. ... Nil
- (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein. ... Nil
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year. ... 2
- (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. ... 2
- (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases. ... 4
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. ... Nil

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances Remedied during the year.

Keeping of animals.	...	... Nil
Offensive accumulations	...	... 1
Sanitary accommodation, insufficient	...	... Nil
defective	...	... 16
Drainage	reconstruction...	... 6
...	repaired	... 28
	cleansed	... 36
Cesspools and septic tanks	abolished...	... Nil
	repaired	... Nil
Conversions to w.c.'s	...	... Nil
Refuse receptacles	...	... Nil
Food Stores	...	... Nil
Water Supplies	...	... 16
Walls and Ceilings	...	... 8
Floors	...	... 2
Windows and ventilation	...	... 23
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks.	...	... 11
Staircases	...	... Nil
Coppers (defective)	...	... Nil
Dampness	...	... 10
Roofs and rainwater pipes	...	... 4
Yard paving	...	... Nil
Chimneys and fireplaces	...	... Nil
Miscellaneous	...	... 20

# Inspection under the Factories Act, 1937.

## 1. Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspection. (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories WITHOUT MECHANICAL POWER in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced.	25	28	2	-
(ii) Factories now included in (i) to which Section 7 applies:-	6	5	3	-
(a) WITHOUT MECHANICAL POWER but enforcement of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 by Local Authorities revoked by the Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement) Order 1938.	-	-	-	-
(b) Others i.e. Factories WITH MECHANICAL POWER.	-	-	-	-
(iii) Other Premises under the Act (excluding out workers' premises).	1	2	-	-
TOTAL	32	35	5	-

## 2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars. (1)	No. of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied. (3)	To H.M. Inspector. (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector. (5)	
Want of cleanliness. S.1	4	4	-	-	-
Overcrowding S.2.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation S.4.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors S.6.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
a. Insufficient. S.7	2	1	-	1	-
b. Unsuitable or defective.	1	1	-	-	-
c. Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	7	6	-	1	-

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